

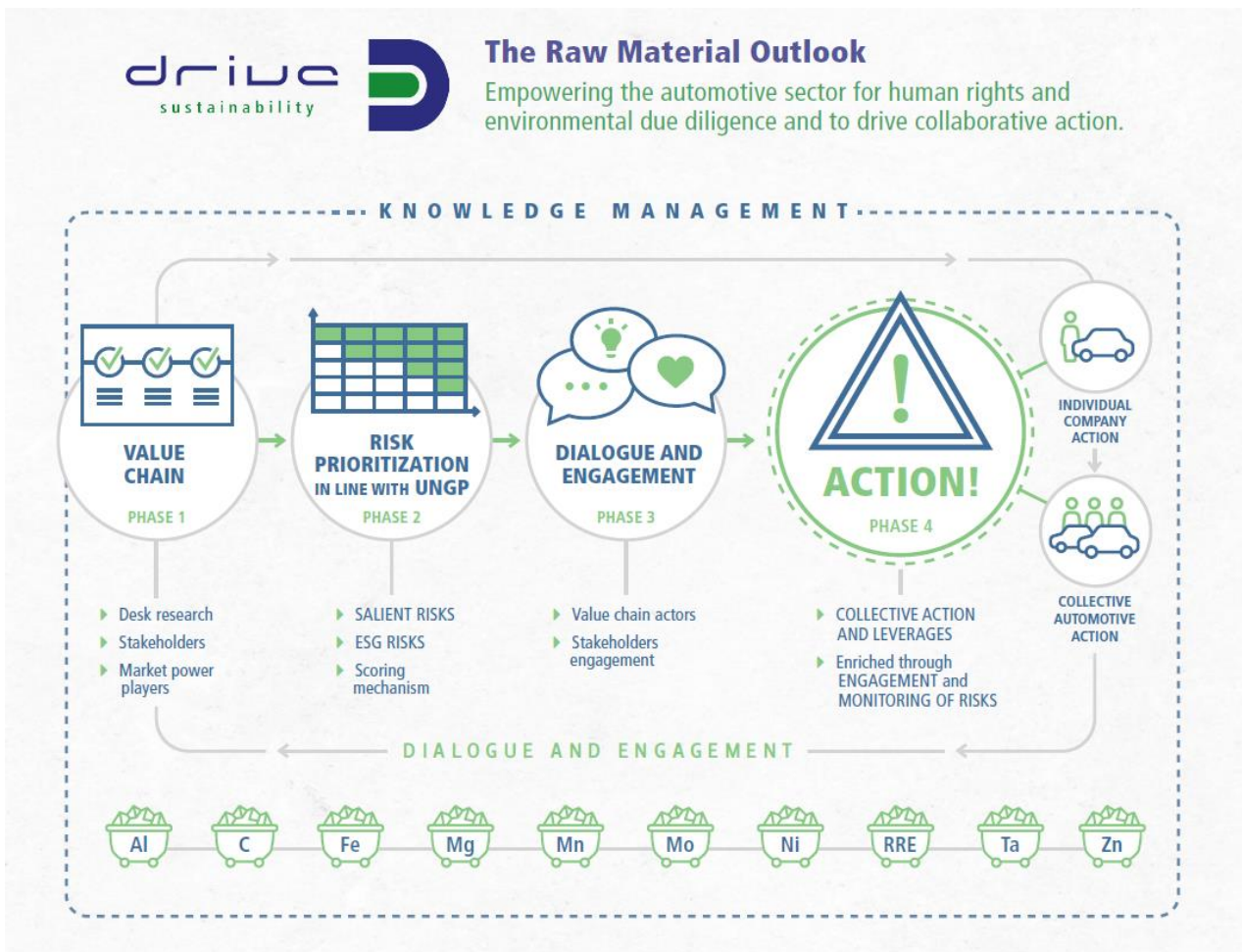
## PRESS RELEASE

### Drive Sustainability Develops Raw Material Outlook

- *Raw Materials Outlook is a new project from Drive Sustainability that aims at managing and remediating Human Rights violations and the ESG impact of materials used in the automotive value chain.*
- *The platform will be launched in Autumn 2021 and the core findings will be made publicly available.*

**Brussels, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Drive Sustainability, the leading automotive partnership of 11 Original Equipment Manufacturers – is developing Raw Materials Outlook, a new platform dedicated to **managing and mitigating the Human Rights violations and the ESG impact of materials used in the automotive value chain**. The work is done by [CSR Europe](#) – facilitator of the leading automotive [partnership Drive Sustainability](#) - and [Levin Sources](#) - consultancy and social venture at the forefront of responsible mining and sourcing. The materials included in the platform at the start are: Aluminum/Bauxite, Graphite, Iron ore, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, RRE, Tantalum and Zinc. Other raw materials will be added at a later stage.

Raw Material Outlook is an impact-oriented initiative that goes beyond the collection and analysis of data:



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The intelligence collected will be used to:

- Help users to align with the **United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights** and relevant EU policies on the Green Economy and Corporate Governance & Sustainability.
- Support Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEMs) with valuable insights in their efforts to secure responsible sourcing.
- **Engage** with different stakeholders involved in the value chain of these materials.
- Explore potential for **collaborative action** between Drive Sustainability partners, their suppliers engaged in Drive+ and other stakeholders.

**People and the environment are the automotive industry's most important resources.** It is of great importance that the individuals making vehicles, components, or providing services are afforded decent working conditions and are treated with dignity and respect, while minimising the environmental impact of the industry and promoting business integrity. In this context, Raw Materials Outlook will contribute to enhance the **potential for collaborative action** between Drive Sustainability partners and leverage their efforts to **integrate sustainability throughout the global automotive supply chain.**

**Raw Material Outlook will be launched in the autumn of 2021.** Drive Sustainability will make the findings of the research available to the public to share insights and increase common understanding and learning.

#### ABOUT DRIVE SUSTAINABILITY:

[Drive Sustainability](#) is the leading automotive partnership between 11 OEMs. The Partnership, facilitated by **CSR Europe**, aims to drive sustainability throughout the automotive supply chain by promoting a common approach within the industry and by integrating sustainability in the overall procurement process.

#### ABOUT CSR EUROPE:

[CSR Europe](#) is the leading European business network for Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility. With our corporate members, National Partner Organisations (NPOs), and Associated Partners, we unite, inspire & support over 10,000 enterprises at local, European, and global levels. We support businesses & industry sectors in their transformation and collaboration towards practical solutions and sustainable growth. We are for systemic change. Following the SDGs, we want to co-build with the European leaders and stakeholders an overarching strategy for a Sustainable Europe 2030.

#### ABOUT LEVIN SOURCES:

[Levin Sources](#) is a consultancy and social venture that has been at the forefront of responsible mining and sourcing for over a decade, with strong expertise in issues surrounding human rights and raw materials sustainability.

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